

## MILITARY AND NAVAL CONSTRUCTION ACT

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Mr. VINSON, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

### CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8120]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 8120) to authorize certain construction at military and naval installations, and for other purposes, having met after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 12, 14, 21, 22, 24½, 36, 57, 68, 87, 93, 96, 98, 100, 111, 112, 119, 125, 127, 134, 135, 137, 138, 141, 147, 148, 149, 151, 152, 154, 155, 158, 161, 162, 169, 171, 172, 176, 177, 191, 196, 200, and 201.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 136, 139, 140, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 150, 153, 156, 157, 159, 160, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 170, 173, 174, 175, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 192, 193, 194, 195, 197, 198, 199, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 229, 233, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 241, and 242 and agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *Covered storage and community*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 7:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *Operational, maintenance, and training*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *Fort Jackson, South Carolina: Administrative facility and utilities, \$182,000.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 30:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 30, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *Training building, open storage*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 31:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 31, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *\$1,286,000.*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 33:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 33, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *Troop support facilities and rehabilitation, \$1,980,000.*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 34:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 34, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following:

*Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana: Administrative facility and training building, \$5,000,000.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 43:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 43, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *Training buildings and facilities research;* and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 228:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 228, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *\$124,420,800;* and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 230:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 230, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *\$328,047,800;* and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 231:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 231, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *\$328,047,800;* and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 232:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 232, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *\$138,183,000;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 234:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 234, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: \$256,875,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 240:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 240, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following:

*SEC. 407. In the case of any public work authorized to be established or developed under the authority of section 102, 202, or 302 of this Act, the Secretary of the military department authorized to establish or develop such public work, or his designee, shall come into agreement with the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives with respect to the cost of construction of such public work, including those real-estate actions pertaining thereto.*

and the Senate agree to the same.

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## STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 8120) to authorize certain construction at military and naval installations, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

### LEGISLATION IN CONFERENCE

On June 12, 1952, the House passed H. R. 8120, the fiscal 1953 military public works bill, containing a total authorization of \$2,758,318,000. On July 3, 1952, the Senate passed H. R. 8120. The conferees agreed on a bill with a total authorization of \$2,398,282,800, a decrease of \$360,035,200.

### SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL

The Senate amendments to the bill are for the most part reductions in the amounts for the specific items. In virtually every case these reductions reflect certain formulas with respect to unit prices, such as the square-foot cost for warehouses, the square-yard cost for airfield pavements, and other unit costs appropriate to the particular item of construction. These unit prices were in every instance lower than those estimated by the military departments; they were, however, based on technical advice.

The belief that the unit costs estimated by the military departments are too high is founded almost entirely upon the basis that the particular structures are too expensively designed in the first instance. It is the view of the conferees that the original design of these structures should be conformed to the unit prices agreed upon by the conferees. It was agreed that there should be a limitation of \$1,700 per man for permanent-barracks construction and a limitation of \$1,400 per man for 10-year-barracks construction. Bachelor officers' quarters are limited to \$5,000 per unit and warehouses to \$6 per square foot.

Other amendments made by the Senate involved the deletion of troop housing, the deletion of a few other particular construction items within a project, and, in a few instances, the deletion of individual projects in their entirety.

Particular note is made of the item involving Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. This item provided for "Administrative facility and training building, \$7,600,000." The Senate deleted this item in its entirety but receded from its position except with respect to the amount of money, concerning which the conferees agreed that \$5,000,000 would be sufficient for the construction of this facility, and that this amount should not be considered merely as an increment but as the complete cost of the proposed facility.



In order that proper control and surveillance can be maintained over the classified construction and land acquisition which are the subject of sections 102, 202, and 302, the Senate inserted a new section 407 which will require the Secretary of the military department authorized to establish or develop a public work contemplated by one of the sections to come into agreement with the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives with respect to the cost of such construction and with respect to the real-estate actions pertaining thereto. This amendment was agreed to by the conferees.

The conferees also agreed that the Secretary of Defense should maintain direct surveillance over the planning and construction by the military departments on all public works projects, such surveillance to be maintained through a civilian official of the Department of Defense to be known as the Director of Installations. The Senate, therefore, inserted a new section 408 establishing a Director of Installations, who shall make such reports directly to the Secretary of Defense with respect to public-works projects under construction by the military departments as he may deem necessary to keep the Secretary of Defense currently and fully informed with respect thereto. This amendment was agreed to by the conferees.

The Senate, by amendment, made provision for the contract aspects of public works by the insertion of a new section 409 reading as follows:

SEC. 409. Whenever—

- (a) the President determines that compliance with the requirements of Public Law 245, Eighty-second Congress, in the case of contracts made pursuant to this Act with respect to the establishment or development of military installations and facilities in foreign countries would interfere with the carrying out of the provisions of this Act; and
  - (b) the Secretary of Defense and the Comptroller General have agreed upon alternative methods for conducting an adequate audit of such contracts,
- the President is authorized to exempt such contracts from the requirements of Public Law 245, Eighty-second Congress.

Aside from the new sections referred to immediately above, the total effect of the conference action, with certain exceptions, was the acceptance by the Senate conferees of the language of the bill as passed by the House and the acceptance by the House conferees of the money figures of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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